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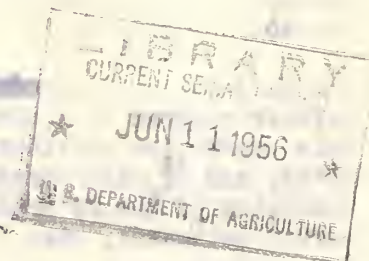
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PRODUCTION OF ALL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES  
FOR  
FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING  
1939 - 1955



The Crop Reporting Board of the Agricultural Marketing Service makes the following report of the commercial production of all vegetables for fresh market and processing, 1939-55. This report supplements the publications "Vegetables--Fresh Market, 1955 Annual Summary," Report No. TC-55: 1203; and "Vegetables--Processing, 1955 Annual Summary," Report No. TC-55: 1204 dated December 19, 1955.

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Commercial Vegetables: Production of principal vegetables  
and all vegetables, United States, annual 1939-55

| YEAR     | PRINCIPAL VEGETABLES 1/ |                     |            | ALL VEGETABLES         |                        |            |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
|          | For fresh<br>market     | For proc-<br>essing | Total      | For fresh<br>market 2/ | For proc-<br>essing 3/ | Total      |
| - Tons - |                         |                     |            |                        |                        |            |
| 1939     | 7,302,100               | 3,435,200           | 10,737,300 | 9,621,300              | 3,435,200              | 13,056,500 |
| 1940     | 7,391,400               | 4,017,900           | 11,409,300 | 9,765,100              | 4,017,900              | 13,783,000 |
| 1941     | 7,098,000               | 5,048,400           | 12,146,400 | 9,404,400              | 5,048,400              | 14,452,800 |
| 1942     | 7,511,500               | 5,750,400           | 13,261,900 | 9,954,100              | 5,750,400              | 15,704,500 |
| 1943     | 7,375,000               | 4,983,700           | 12,358,700 | 9,780,100              | 4,983,700              | 14,763,800 |
| 1944     | 8,676,100               | 5,302,500           | 13,978,600 | 11,330,100             | 5,302,500              | 16,632,600 |
| 1945     | 9,026,200               | 5,267,500           | 14,293,700 | 11,859,800             | 5,267,500              | 17,127,300 |
| 1946     | 9,606,700               | 6,311,500           | 15,918,200 | 12,600,200             | 6,311,500              | 18,911,700 |
| 1947     | 8,502,000               | 5,549,800           | 14,051,800 | 11,262,700             | 5,549,800              | 16,812,500 |
| 1948     | 8,959,400               | 5,467,100           | 14,426,500 | 11,880,900             | 5,467,100              | 17,348,000 |
| 1949     | 9,267,600               | 5,445,600           | 14,713,200 | 11,418,300             | 5,445,600              | 16,863,900 |
| 1950     | 9,925,700               | 5,228,500           | 15,154,200 | 12,225,900             | 5,228,500              | 17,454,400 |
| 1951     | 9,424,500               | 7,215,100           | 16,639,600 | 11,595,300             | 7,215,100              | 18,810,400 |
| 1952     | 9,599,900               | 6,663,900           | 16,263,800 | 11,824,300             | 6,663,900              | 18,488,200 |
| 1953     | 10,255,800              | 6,581,400           | 16,837,200 | 12,533,100             | 6,581,400              | 19,114,500 |
| 1954     | 10,287,400              | 5,905,600           | 16,193,000 | 12,570,200             | 5,905,600              | 18,475,800 |
| 1955     | 10,289,800              | 6,142,900           | 16,432,700 | 12,578,900             | 6,142,900              | 18,721,800 |

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The table on page 1 shows the commercial fresh market and processing estimates previously published for the 29 principal vegetables, together with commercial fresh-market and processing estimates for all vegetables, 1939-55. In both series of estimates, the processing figures are the same since these include only the 11 principal processing vegetables for which coverage is complete. For crops other than the 11 for which processing production is shown separately, the quantities processed are included in the fresh-market estimates; but, except for broccoli, brussels sprouts and cauliflower, the quantities processed are only a small percentage of the total production.

The differences in production of the 29 principal vegetables, published in the regular program of monthly reports, and the production of all vegetables shown in this report are attributable to the inclusion of minor crops not previously estimated, and of minor-producing States and greenhouse production not covered in the estimates of the 29 principal vegetables. These differences all occur in the fresh-market estimates, viz:

| <u>Item</u>  | <u>1955</u>         |                   |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
|  | <u>Fresh-Market</u> | <u>Production</u> |
| <u>Principal Vegetables</u>  | <u>Tons</u>         | <u>Percent</u>    |
| Major producing States covered in the program of monthly reports .....   | 10,289,800          | 81.8              |
| Minor producing States not covered in the program of monthly reports and greenhouse production in all States ..... | 719,100             | 5.7               |
| <u>Minor Vegetables</u>  |                     |                   |
| Not covered in the program of monthly reports .....  | 1,570,000           | 12.5              |
| ALL COMMERCIAL VEGETABLES .....  | 12,578,900          | 100.0             |

The regular program of monthly reports has accounted for about 82 percent of the estimated fresh-market production of all vegetables in recent years.

The estimated fresh-market production of all vegetables shown in this report include quantities not marketed because of low prices or other economic factors. Estimates of such economic abandonment for the crops and States covered in the regular program of monthly reports will be found in Report TC-55: 1203. Estimates of economic abandonment are not available for principal vegetables in minor producing States nor for minor vegetables. These fresh-market estimates for all vegetables have been prepared on a national basis for production only. Figures for individual crops are shown in the table on page 3. State and seasonal-group figures are not available; neither are figures available on acreage or value.

Commercial Vegetables: Production of all vegetables for  
fresh market, by crops, United States, 1954 and 1955 4/

| CROP   | PRODUCTION FOR FRESH MARKET |            |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|
|  | 1954                        | 1955       |
|  | Tons                        | Tons       |
| Artichokes   | 18,000                      | 17,800     |
| Asparagus  | 60,800                      | 60,200     |
| Green lima beans <u>5/</u>                                   | 27,200                      | 25,900     |
| Snap beans   | 327,600                     | 342,500    |
| Beets  | 77,100                      | 62,900     |
| Broccoli <u>6/</u>   | 101,400                     | 117,500    |
| Brussels sprouts <u>7/</u>                                   | 31,300                      | 18,800     |
| Cabbage  | 1,159,700                   | 1,025,400  |
| Cantaloups, Honey Balls,<br>Honey Dews, and other muskmelons | 816,700                     | 787,400    |
| Carrots <u>7/</u>  | 792,200                     | 730,400    |
| Cauliflower <u>8/</u>  | 206,500                     | 240,700    |
| Celery <u>7/</u>   | 769,700                     | 756,400    |
| Sweet Corn <u>9/</u>   | 678,800                     | 713,000    |
| Cucumbers  | 247,900                     | 245,000    |
| Eggplant   | 33,400                      | 33,400     |
| Escarole and Endive  | 61,600                      | 61,900     |
| Garlic <u>7/</u>   | 7,300                       | 9,800      |
| Kale   | 20,100                      | 19,000     |
| Lettuce and Romaine  | 1,474,300                   | 1,522,300  |
| Dry Onions <u>7/</u>   | 1,106,600                   | 1,032,900  |
| Green peas <u>5/</u>   | 26,900                      | 27,700     |
| Green peppers  | 196,300                     | 198,600    |
| Shallots   | 6,400                       | 10,700     |
| Spinach <u>10/</u>   | 100,300                     | 97,900     |
| Tomatoes   | 1,092,200                   | 1,142,900  |
| Watermelons  | 1,559,900                   | 1,707,900  |
| Minor Vegetables <u>11/</u>                                  | 1,570,000                   | 1,570,000  |
| TOTAL  | 12,570,200                  | 12,578,900 |
| Strawberries <u>7/</u>                                       | 220,300                     | 239,100    |

See footnotes on page 4.



# FOOTNOTES

- 1/ The 29 vegetable crops (28 for fresh market and 11 for processing) for which State estimates are published in the regular program of monthly reports. For list of crops included and comparable figures on acreage and value see Reports TC-55: 1203 and TC-55: 1204. Production for fresh market includes some quantities not marketed because of low prices or other economic factors.
- 2/ Includes in addition to the 28 fresh-market vegetables in the regular program of reports, allowances for production for sale of minor vegetables in all States, of principal vegetables in relatively unimportant producing States, and of greenhouse production in all States. For a few crops includes production for processing. Does not include production from farm and nonfarm gardens. Production by States and acreage and value data are not available.
- 3/ The 11 principal processing vegetables in the regular program of reports. Production for processing, not covered by these estimates for the 11 principal processing vegetables, is included in the fresh-market estimates.
- 4/ Total commercial production for fresh market for all States. Includes greenhouse production. Does not include production from farm and nonfarm gardens. Includes quantities not marketed because of low prices or other economic factors.
- 5/ In the shell.
- 6/ Sprouting broccoli only. Does not include broccoli rabe nor heading broccoli, also called cauliflower-broccoli. Includes production for processing.
- 7/ Includes production for processing.
- 8/ Includes heading broccoli or cauliflower-broccoli. Includes production for processing.
- 9/ Does not include green field corn.
- 10/ Includes production for processing in those States for which separate estimates of fresh-market and processing production are not prepared.
- 11/ Includes Chinese cabbage, Swiss chard, collards, dandelion greens, mustard green, turnip greens, horseradish, kohlrabi, okra, green onions, parsley, parsnips, hot peppers, pumpkins, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, salsify, squash, turnips and other miscellaneous vegetables. Includes production of these crops for processing.